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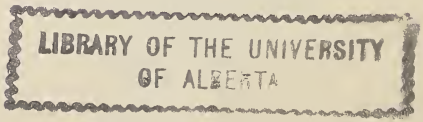

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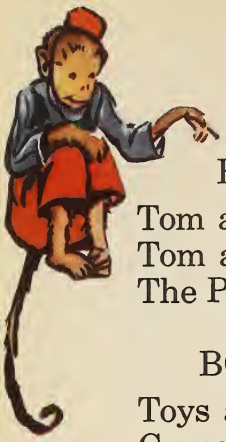

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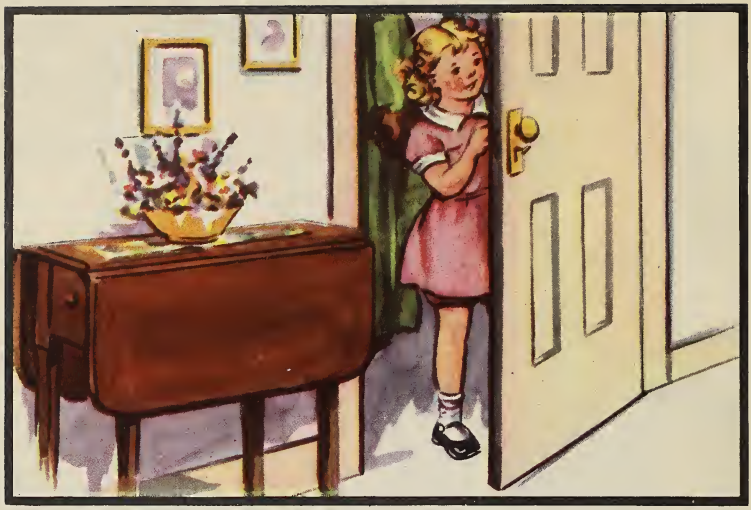
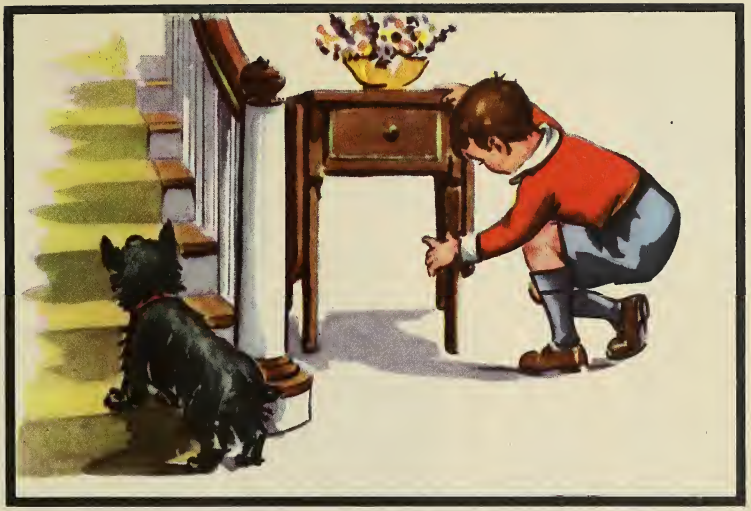
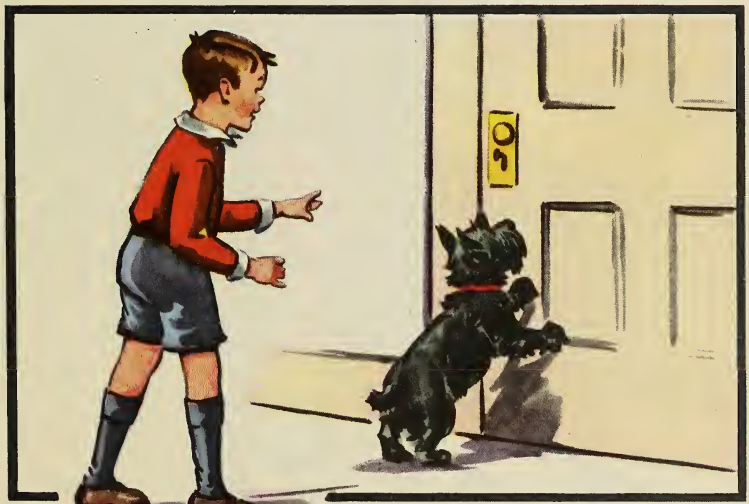






Find Nancy

Nancy said, "Find me.
Find me, Bob."

Bob said, "Come, Mac.
Come and find Nancy."

Bob wanted to find Nancy.
Mac wanted to find Nancy.
Bob looked and looked.
Mac looked and looked.

Mac said, "Bow-wow!"
Bob said, "Here is Nancy!
Here is Nancy!"
Mac said, "Bow-wow, bow-wow!"

Bob said, "Mother! Mother!
Look at Nancy!
Look at Nancy!"
Baby said, "Look at Nancy!"

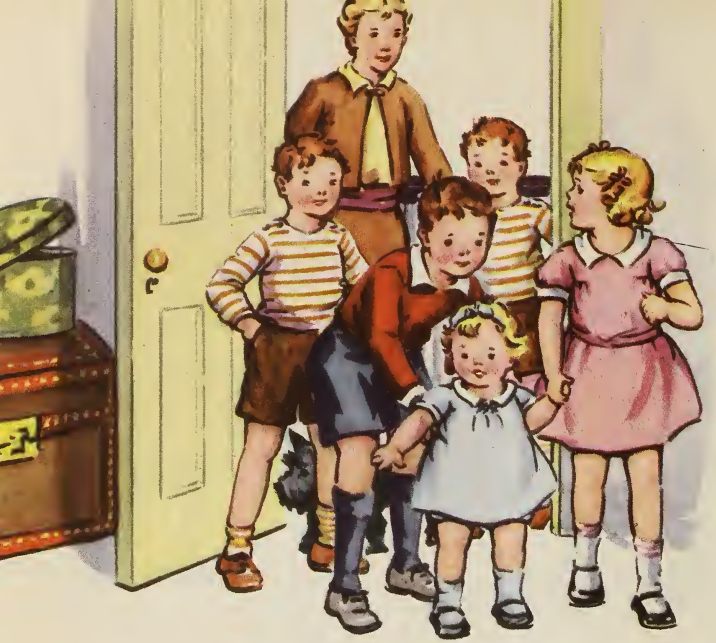
Tom and Don

Here comes Tom.
Here comes Don.
Don wants to play.
Tom wants to play.

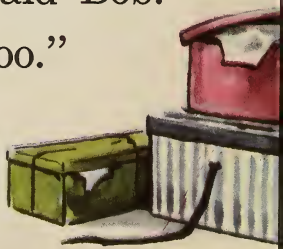
Come and Play

"Come, Nancy," said Mother.
"Come, Bob, come!
Tom and Don are here.
Tom has come to play.
Don has come to play, too."

Don said, "Look at Nancy!"
Tom said, "Look at Nancy!
She looks funny."
Bob said, "Look at Nancy!
She looks funny, Mother.
We want to look funny, too.
We want to play."



Mother said, "You may play.
You may play here."
"Mother! Mother!" said Nancy.
"We like to play here."
"Come, Mac, come!" said Bob.
"Mac wants to play, too."



Nancy said, "You may have this.
This will look funny, Don."
Bob said, "You may have this.
This will look funny, Tom."
Baby said, "Look at me.
Look at me, Nancy."

We Look Funny!

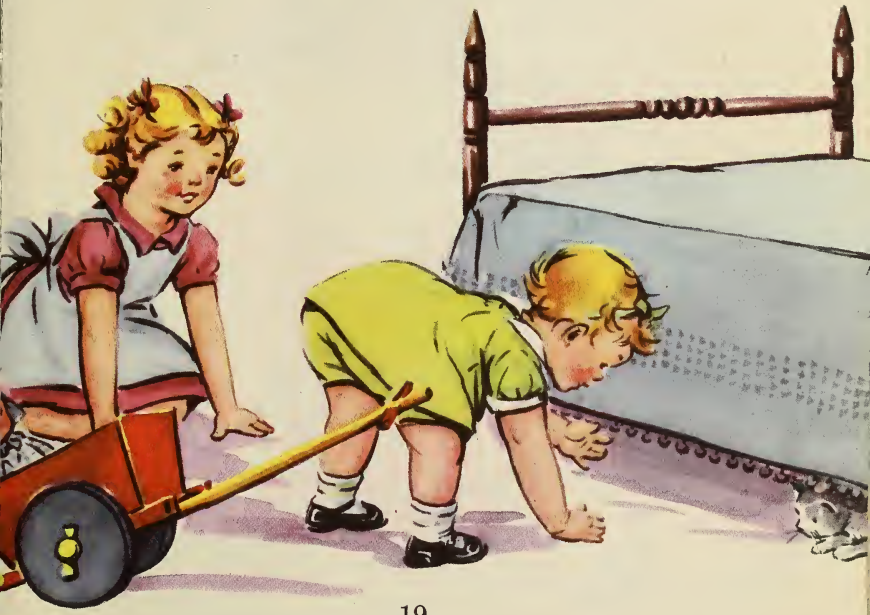
Bob said, "Look at Nancy.
Nancy looks like Mother."
Nancy said, "Look at Bob.
Bob looks like Father."
Tom and Don look funny.
Baby looks funny, too.
Mac said, "Bow-wow!"
What fun! What fun!

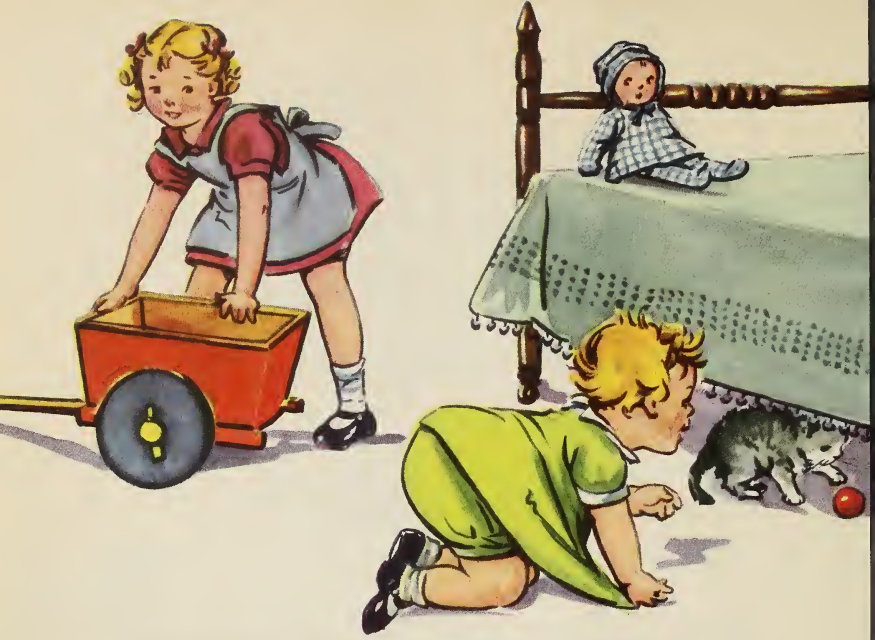
Here we come.
Here we come.
One, two, three!
Here we come.
Here we come.
One, two, three!

Baby and the Kitten

Baby wanted to play.
She wanted the kitten to play.
She said, "Come, kitten.
Come and play.
Come and play with me."

Nancy said, "Look, Baby!
The kitten is under the bed.
The kitten has the ball."
Baby said, "Come, kitten.
Come and play.
Come and play with me."





The kitten did not come.
She wanted the ball.
Nancy said, "Get the kitten.
She is under the bed.
Get the kitten, Baby.
We will have fun."

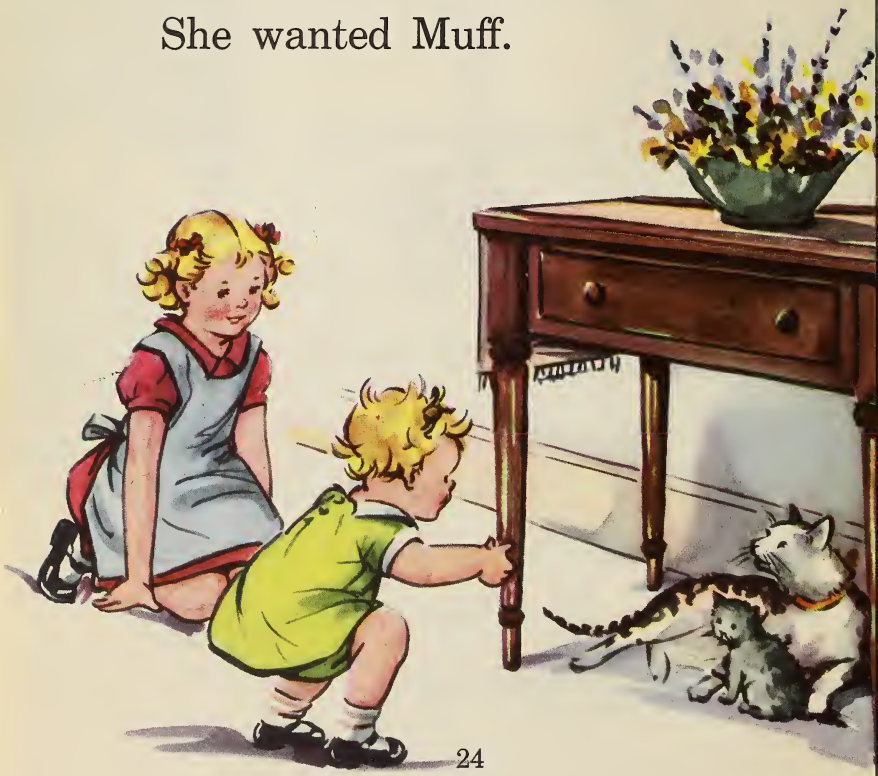
The Kitten's Ride

Look at the kitten!
Look at the kitten!
She is going to ride.
Baby is going to ride, too.
Nancy said, "Here we go."

The kitten did not want to ride.
She did not like to ride.
She did not want to play.
She wanted to run away.

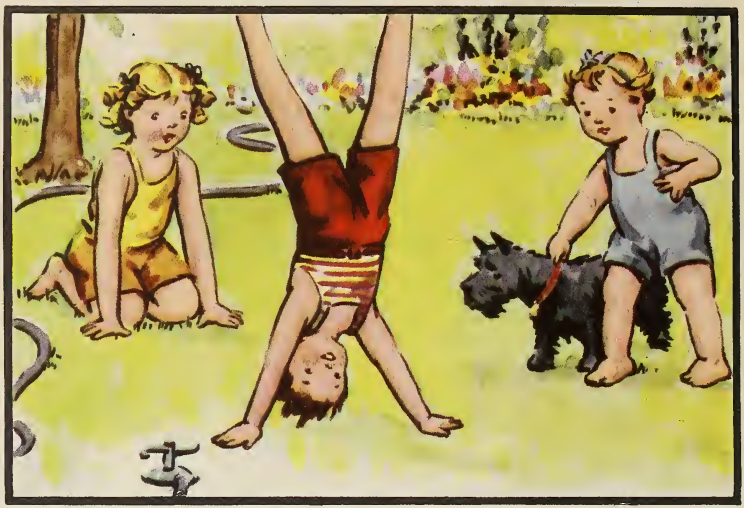
"Oh! Oh!" said Baby.
"Look at the kitten.
Look at the kitten, Nancy.
She wants to run away."
Nancy said, "She wants Muff
Muff is under the table."

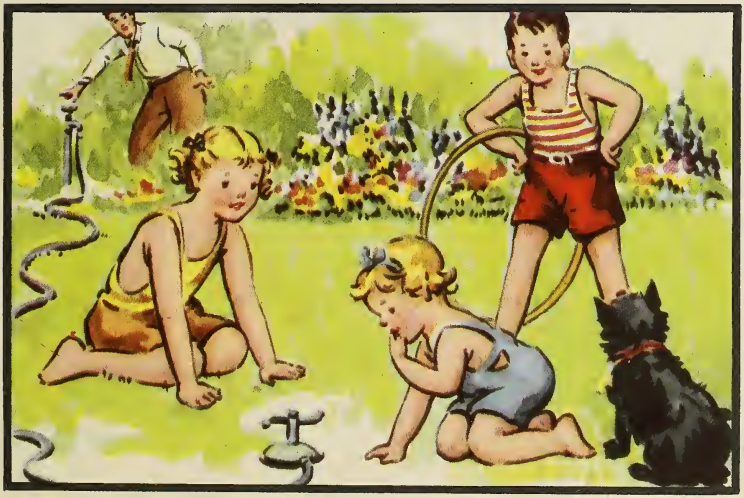
The kitten saw Muff.
She saw Muff under the table.
She ran to Muff.
She did not want to ride.
She wanted Muff.



Look at Me

Bob said, "Look at me.
Look at me, Nancy.
Can you do this?"
Baby said, "Look at me."
Nancy said, "Look at Mac.
He wants to play, too."





See what Father did!
Oh! Oh! See what Father did!
See Nancy run!
See Bob and Mac run!
Oh! Oh! See Baby!
What fun! What fun!

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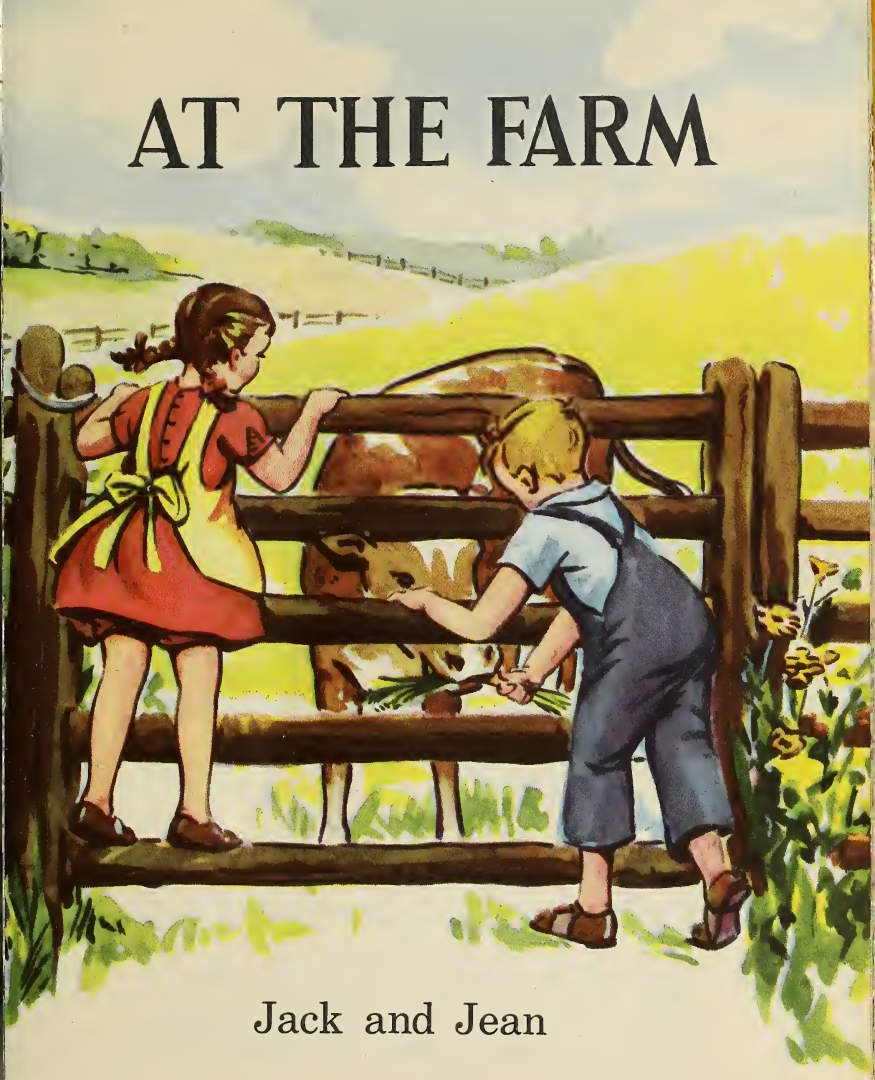


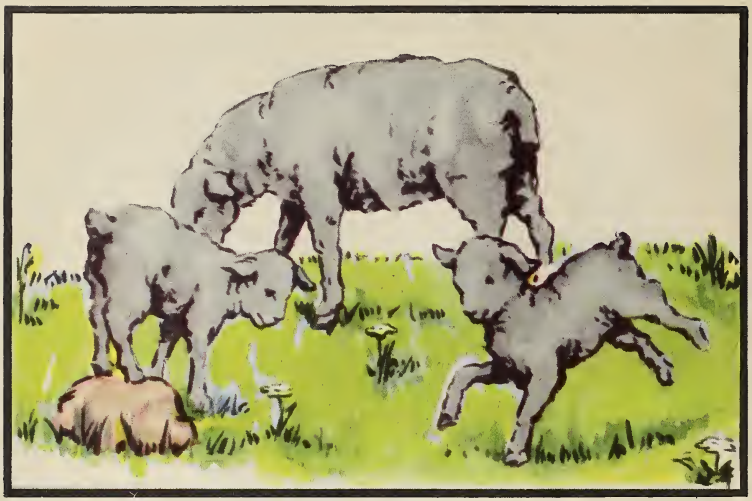
Jack and Jean

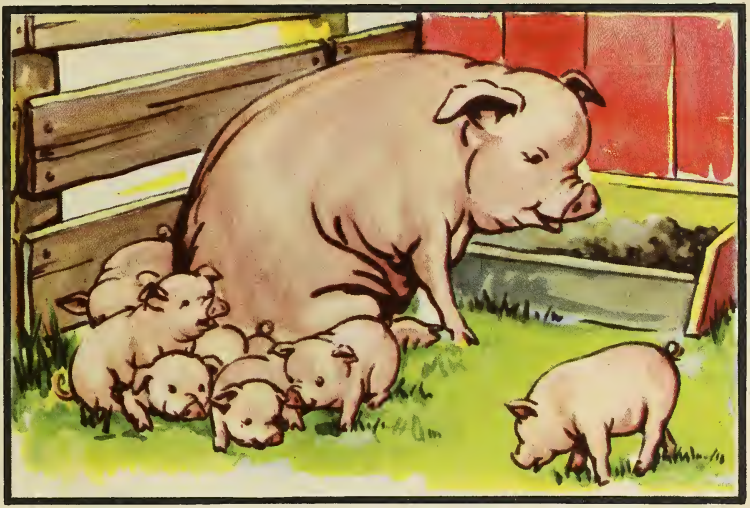
Bob and Nancy on the Farm

Jack lives on the farm.
Jean lives on the farm, too.
They like to live on the farm.
Bob has come to see Jack.
Nancy has come to see Jean.

They like the big farm.
What will they do?
What will they play?
What will they see?
Will they see cows?
Will they see pigs?
What will they see?

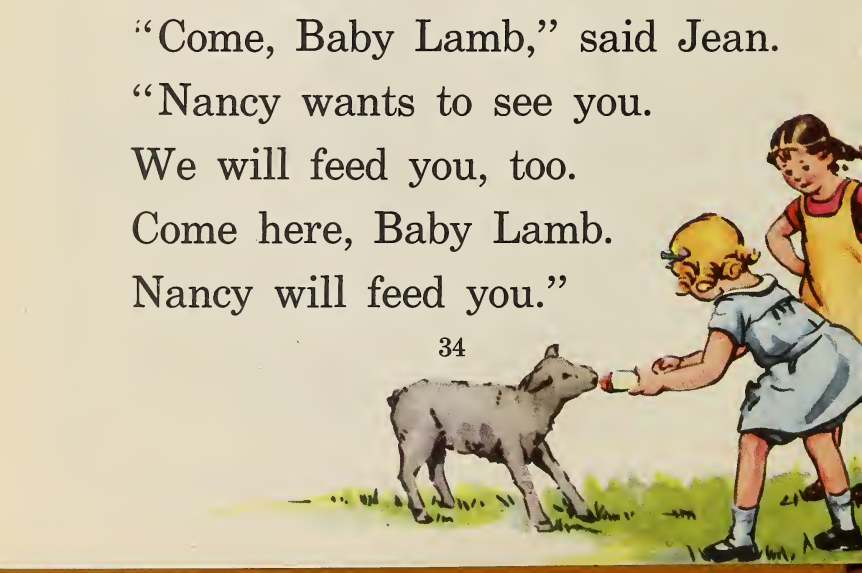
What They See





Jean's Little Lamb

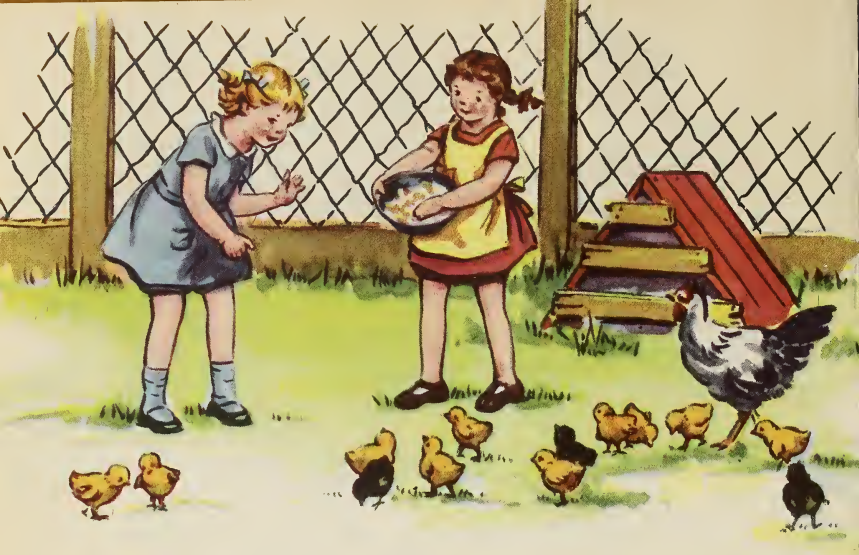
"Oh! Oh!" said Nancy.
"See the little lamb!
Will he come to me?"
"Come, Baby Lamb," said Jean.
"Nancy wants to see you.
We will feed you, too.
Come here, Baby Lamb.
Nancy will feed you."



Baby Chicks and Baby Ducks

"See Mother Hen," said Jean.
"She has baby chicks.
She has baby ducks, too.

Here are the baby ducks."



"Come, Mother Hen," said Jean.
"We will feed you."
"Come, little ducks," said Nancy.
"Come, little chicks.
We will feed you, too."

See the baby ducks run.

Baby Ducks Ran Away

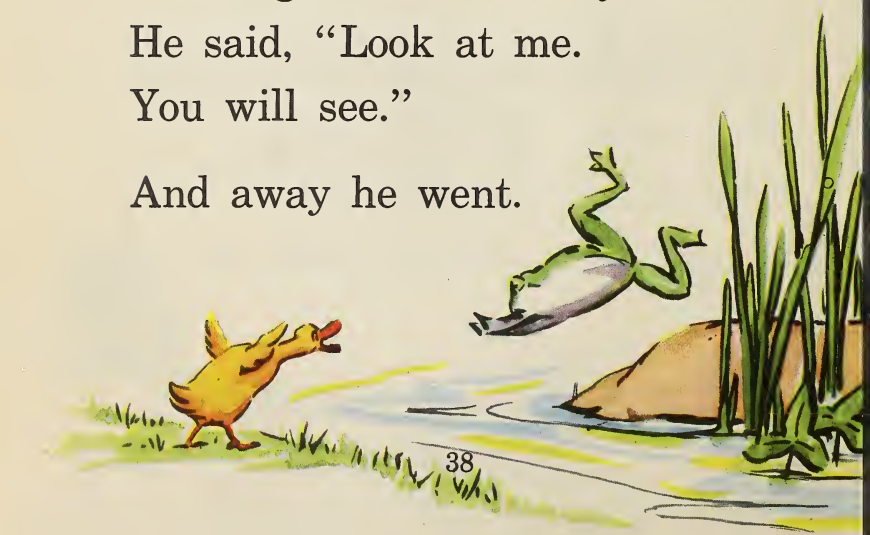
Mother Hen saw the baby ducks.
She saw them run.
Mother Hen said, "Cluck, cluck!
Come to me! Come to me!"

The baby ducks did not want to come.
They said, "Quack, quack!
This is fun! This is fun!"

Baby Duck and a Frog

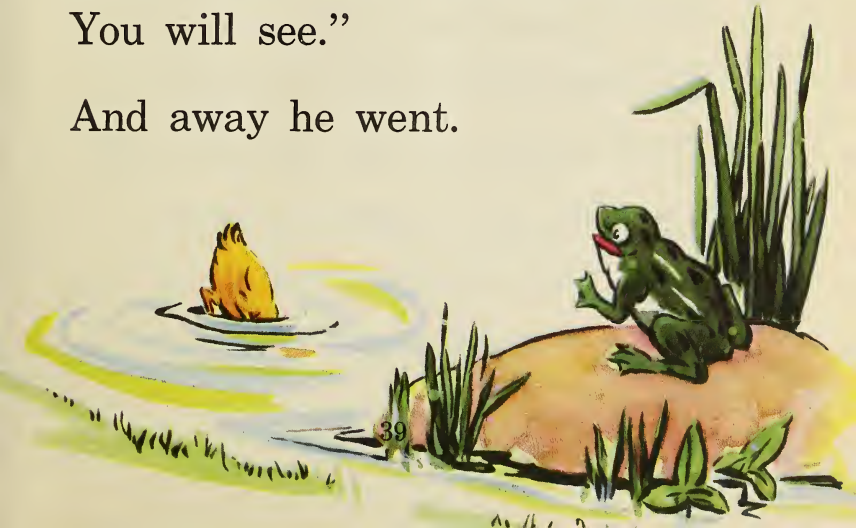
Baby Duck looked at the frog.
"Quack, quack!" said Baby Duck.
"What can you do?"
The frog looked at Baby Duck.
He said, "Look at me.
You will see."

And away he went.



The frog looked at Baby Duck.
"You funny duck!" said the frog.
"You are a baby duck.
What can you do?"
Baby Duck said, "Look at me.
You will see."

And away he went.



Jack's Pony

This is Jack's pony.
Bob and Jack want to ride.
They want to ride on the pony.
See the pony come to Jack.
Jack will feed the pony.
He is a good pony.

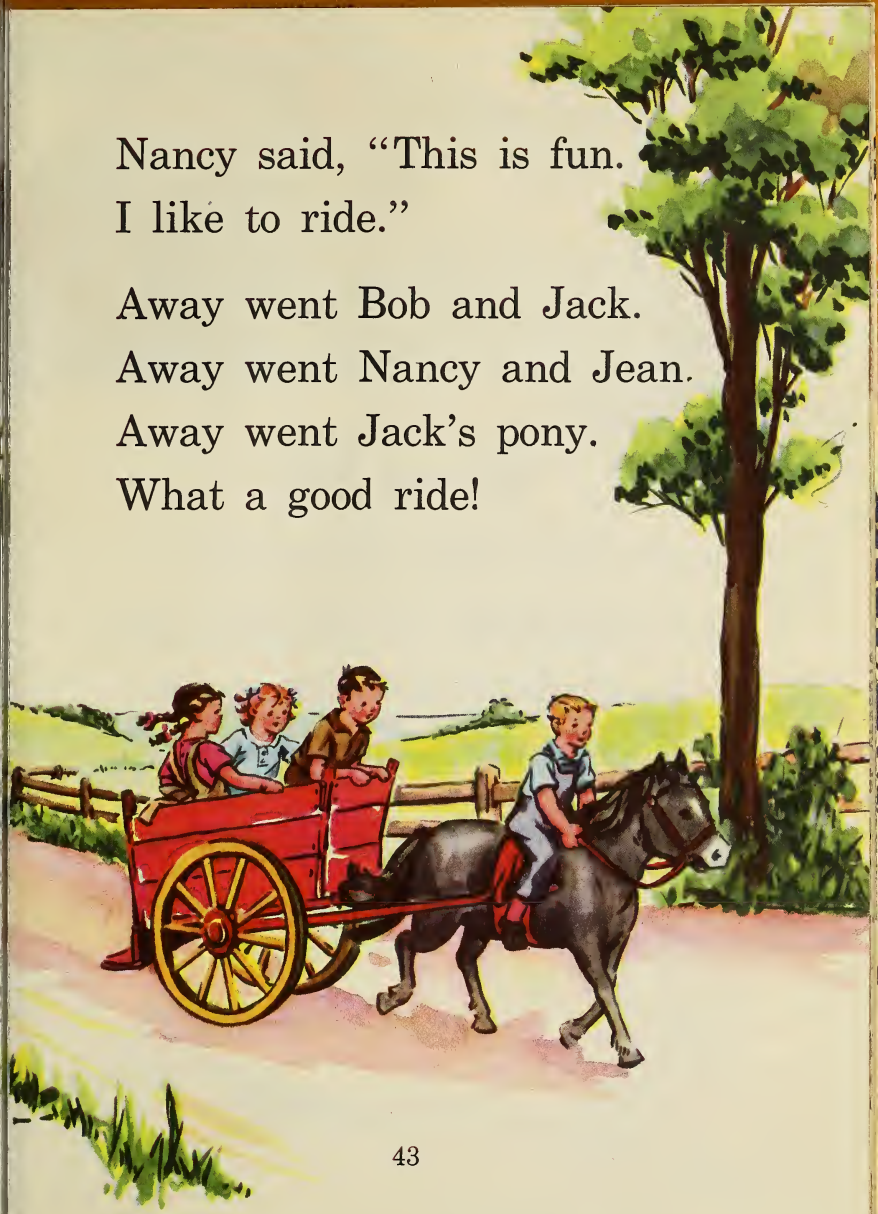
"I like to ride," said Jack.
"I like to ride, too," said Bob.
"Will the pony run away?"
Jack said, "He is a good pony.
He will not run away."
"Where is Nancy?" said Bob.
"Where is Jean?
They like to ride, too."

A Good Ride

Nancy saw Jack and Bob.
Jean saw Jack and Bob.
They said, "May we ride, Jack?
May we ride with you please?"
Jack said, "You may ride, Jean.
You may ride, Nancy.
You may go for a ride with us."

Nancy said, "This is fun.
I like to ride."

Away went Bob and Jack.
Away went Nancy and Jean.
Away went Jack's pony.
What a good ride!



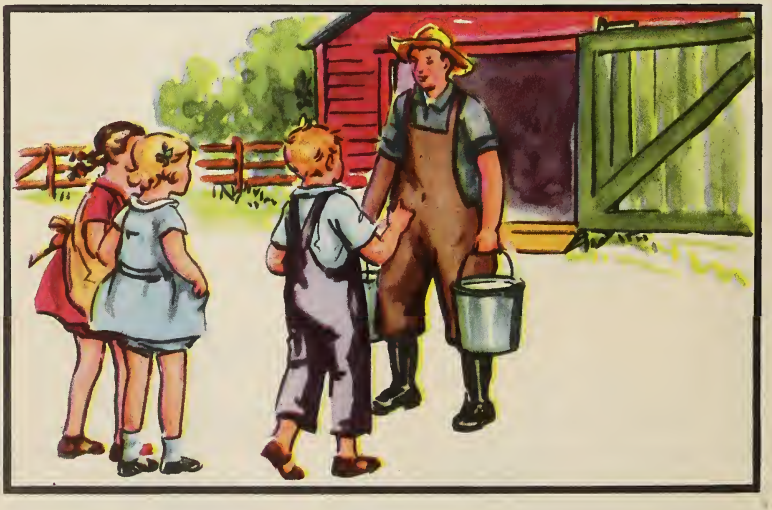
Run and Hide

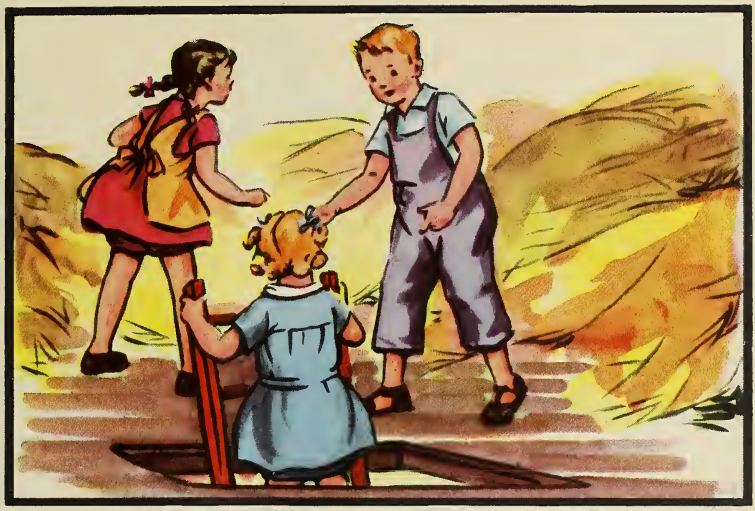
Jack said, "Run and hide!
Run and hide! I will find you."
Jean said, "I will hide here.
You can hide here, too, Nancy."

Bob said, "I will hide in here.
Jack can not find me in here."

"Here I come! Here I come!
I will find you," said Jack.
"I see Nancy! I see Nancy!
One, two, three for Nancy.
I see Jean! I see Jean!
One, two, three for Jean.

I can not find Bob.
Where did he hide?"





"Here is Bob," said Jack.
"Here he is," said Nancy.
"Good, good!" said Jean.
"Look, Nancy, look!" said Jack.
"We can have fun."

What did Jack do?

What Do They See?

Jean's Birthday

Oh! Look at the table!
See the birthday cake!
See the birthday cake!
Look at the balloons, too!

Happy Birthday

See the big birthday cake!
This is Jean's birthday cake.
See the balloons!
Two balloons are red.
Two balloons are blue.
Red and blue balloons!
Happy birthday, Jean!
Happy birthday to you!

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Mother Reads a Story

"Mother! Mother!" said Jack.
"Please read a story to us."
Jean said, "Read a story please."
Mother said, "I have a story.
I will read to you.
I will read to you now."

This is Mother's story.

Yellow Chick

Yellow Chick wanted to be big.
Mother Hen said, "Cluck, cluck!"
She wanted the chicks to come.
She wanted Yellow Chick to come.
Little chicks ran to Mother Hen.

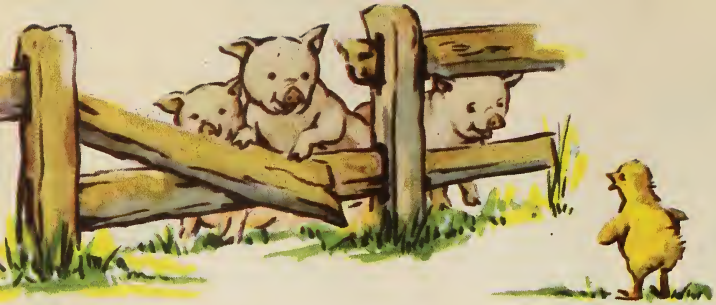
But Yellow Chick ran away.
He said, "I want to be big!"

He saw three little ducks.
He said, "A duck is not big.
I want to be big!"
The ducks looked at the chick.
They said, "Quack, quack!
He can not be like a duck.
He is a baby chick."

Yellow Chick ran on.
He said, "I want to be big!"

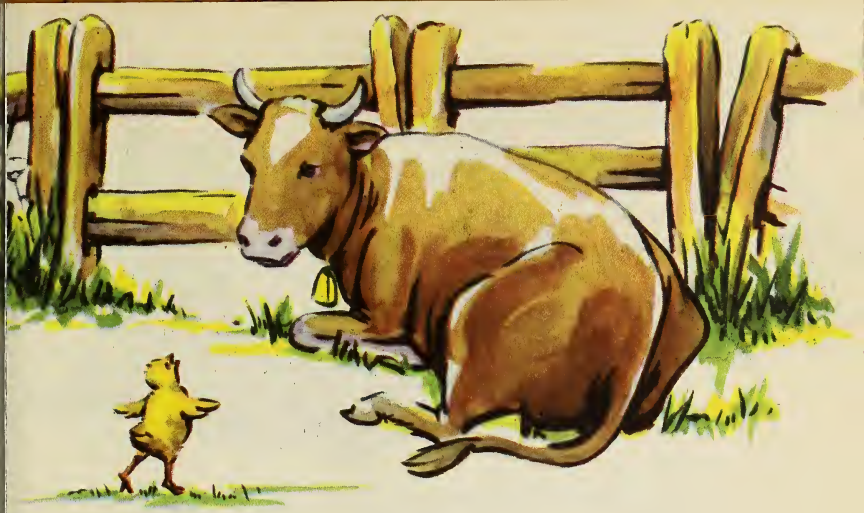
He saw three little kittens.
He said, "A kitten is not big.
I want to be big!"
The kittens looked at the chick.
They said, "The chick is funny.
He can not be like a kitten.
He is a baby chick."

Yellow Chick ran on.
He said, "I want to be big!"



He saw three little pigs.
He said, "A pig is not big.
I want to be big!"
The pigs looked at the chick.
They said, "The chick is funny.
He can not be like a pig.
He is a baby chick."

Yellow Chick ran on and on.
He said, "I want to be big!"



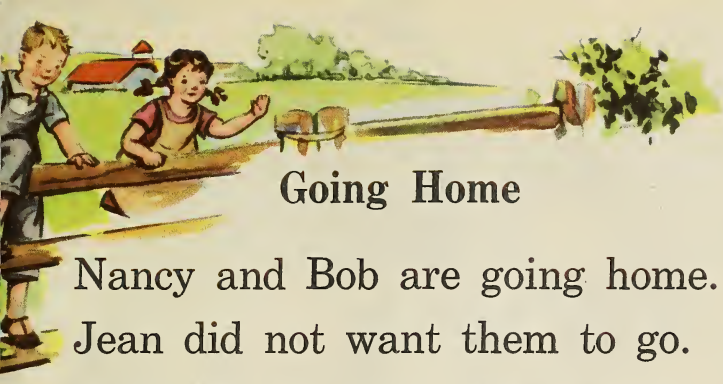
He saw a cow.
He said, "A cow is big.
I want to be big!
I want to be as big as a cow."
The cow looked at the chick.
She said, "The chick is funny.
He wants to be as big as a cow."

Yellow Chick said, "See me!
Now I am big! Now I am big!
A duck is not big.
A kitten is not big.
A pig is not big.
But a cow is big.
Now I am big, too!"

"Oh!" said Yellow Chick.
"Where am I going?
I do not want to be big!
I want Mother Hen!
I want Mother Hen!"

Yellow Chick saw Mother Hen.
He ran to Mother Hen.
Mother Hen said, "Cluck, cluck!"

Jean said, "Thank you.
Thank you for the story."
"Thank you," said Bob and Nancy.
"Jean had a good party.
She had a good birthday party.
We like red balloons.
We like blue balloons.
We can have fun with them."



Going Home

Nancy and Bob are going home.
Jean did not want them to go.
Jack did not want them to go.
Nancy and Bob said, "Good-bye!
Good-bye, Jean. Good-bye, Jack.
We had a good time.
Come and see us."
"Thank you," said Jean and Jack.
"Thank you, thank you.
Good-bye, good-bye!"

Bob and Nancy at Home

"Oh! Mother!" said Bob and Nancy.
"We wanted to come home.
We wanted to see you.
We wanted to see Baby Anne.
We had fun at the farm.
We had fun with Jack and Jean.
Jean had a birthday party.
She had a birthday cake.
We had red and blue balloons.

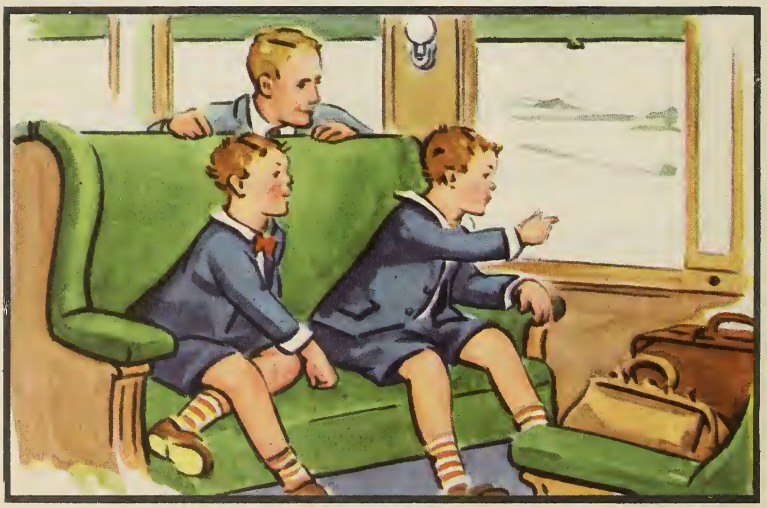
We saw a mother hen.
She had baby chicks.
She had baby ducks, too.
The little ducks ran away.
We saw Jean's baby lamb
We saw Jack's baby pigs.
We had fun on the farm.
But we wanted to come home."

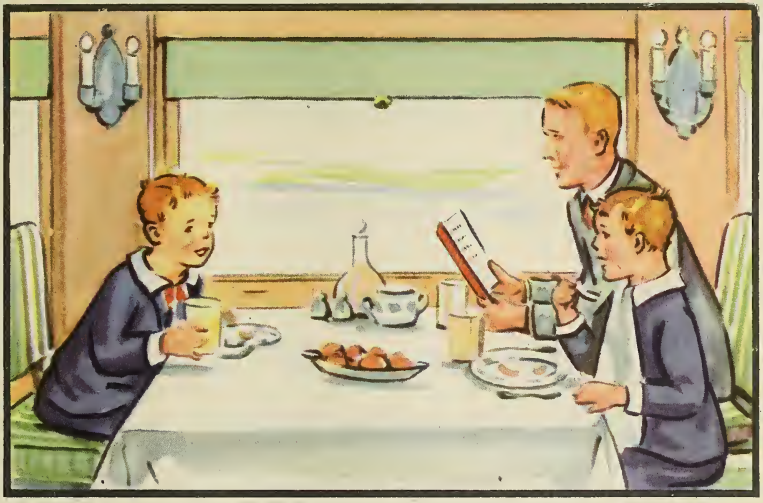
Tom and Don

Here are Tom and Don.
The puppies are with them.
"See the puppies," said Nancy.
Don said, "Did you have fun?
Did you have fun at the farm?
Did you have a good time?"
Tom said, "What did you do?
What did you see?"

"We saw a lamb," said Nancy.
"We went to a party.
Jean had a good birthday party.
We had a ride on Jack's pony.
We had fun at the farm."
Tom said, "We had fun, too."
"We went away," said Don.
"We went away on the train.
It was fun to go on the train."

Tom and Don on the Train





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A Boat Ride

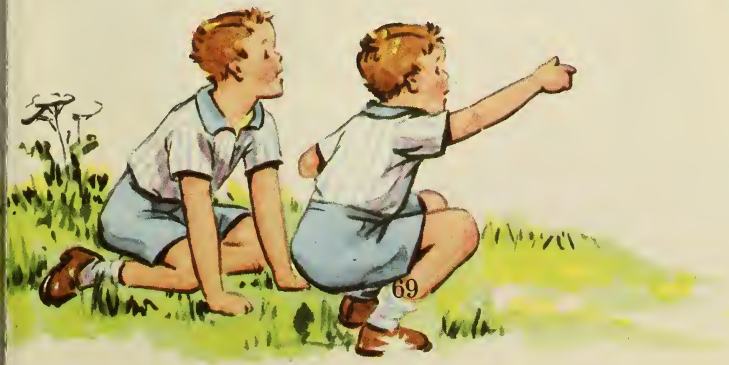
"We saw big boats," said Don.
"We went for a ride.
We went on a big boat.
We had a good time on the boat.

We have a little red boat.
We can not ride in it.
But we have fun with it.
We play we are going away."

We Saw Airplanes

"We saw big airplanes," said Tom.
"We saw them go up, up, up!
We saw them come down, too.

We have a little airplane.
It can go up and down.
We can not ride in it.
But we have fun with it.
We play we are going away."



"We had a good time," said Don.
"It was fun to ride on a train.
It was fun to ride on a boat.
It was fun to see the airplanes."

Tom said, "We have a play train.
We made our train.
It is a big train.
We can ride in it.
Come and see our train."

The Play Train

"What a good train!" said Bob.
"We made it," said Don.
"Come and ride with us."
Nancy said, "Where may I ride?"
Tom said, "You may ride in here.
You may ride with me.
Bob may ride with Don."

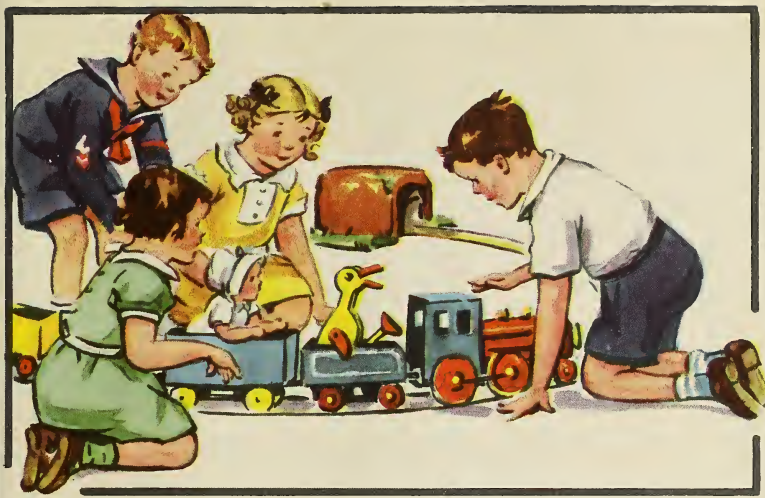
Bob likes to ride on the train.
Nancy likes to ride, too.
"See us go!" said Nancy.
"What fun to ride on the train!
I like to ride on this train."
"See Mac run," said Bob.
"He wants to ride with us.
He wants to ride on the train."

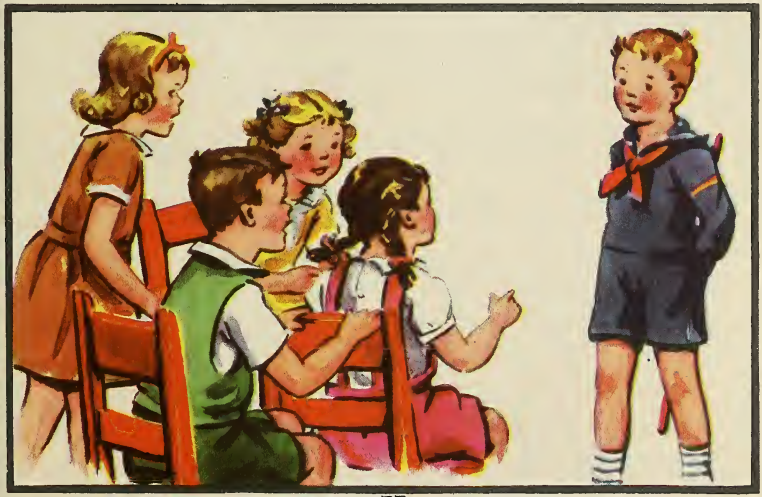
"See Mac! See Mac!" said Don.
"He is on our train.
He is going to ride, too."
"Bow-wow, bow-wow!" said Mac.
"Here we go," said Nancy.
"Here we go for a ride.
Look at the puppies!
Look at the puppies!
They want to ride, too."

"Oh!" said Tom and Don.
"Where are we going?
Look at Mac! Look at Mac!
Where is Mac going?
Mac wanted to ride."
Did he have a good ride?
Where did the puppies go?

Boys and Girls at School

Toys at School





A Toy Duck at School

"See my toy duck," said Tom.
"It can walk.
It can quack."
"Oh!" said the boys and girls.
"See Tom's toy duck walk."
Tom said, "Here is my toy duck.
You may play with it."

"Oh!" said the boys and girls.
"Thank you, thank you!
We want to play with it.
We can have fun with it.
See Tom's duck go!"
Nancy said, "I saw a duck.
I saw a duck at the farm.
It was not a toy duck.
But it looked like Tom's duck.
It said, 'Quack, quack,' too."

Nancy's Doll at School

"I have a doll," said Nancy.
"It is a baby doll.
It can talk.
But it can not walk."
"Oh! Oh!" said the girls.
"What a pretty doll!
What a pretty doll!
It can talk."
"My doll is pretty," said Nancy.
"You may play with it."

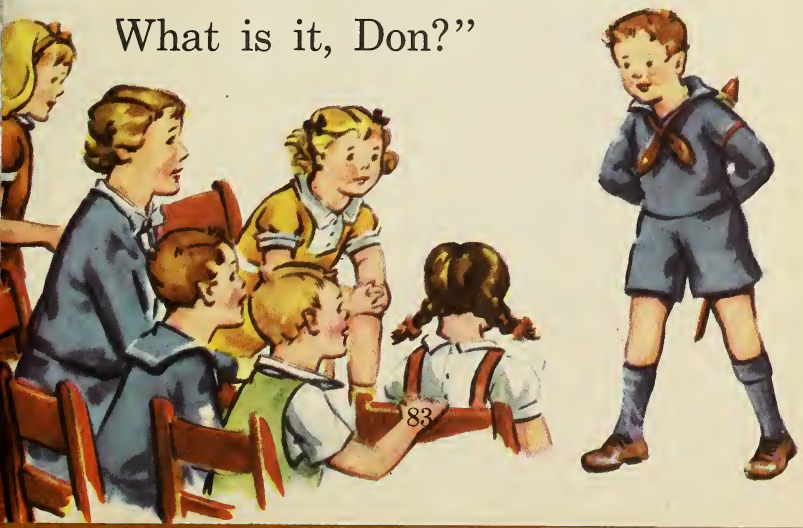
"Oh!" said the boys and girls.
"Thank you, thank you!
The doll may have a ride.
It may ride on our train.
Tom's duck may have a ride.
It may ride on our train, too."

See them go round and round.

Guess What It Is

"Guess what I have," said Don.
"I can make it run.
I can make it go."
"What is it?" said the boys
"What is it?" said the girls.
"Guess what it is," said Don
"Guess what I have."

One girl said, "Can it talk?"
Don said, "It can not talk."
One boy said, "Is it a train?"
Don said, "It is not a train.
You can not ride on it.
But you can make it go.
You can make it stop."
"Oh!" said the boys and girls.
"We can not guess."
Miss Hall said, "What is it?
What is it, Don?"

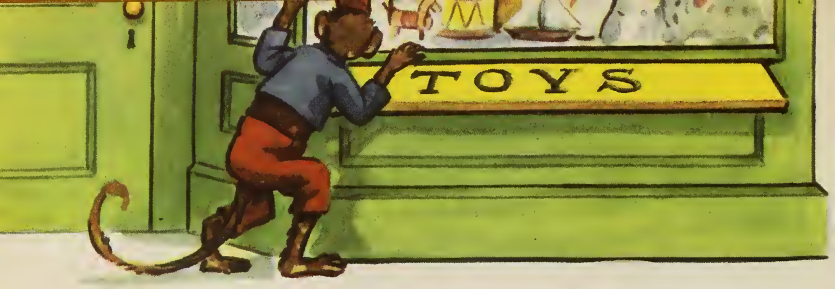


"Oh!" said the boys and girls.
"It is a toy monkey."
Don said, "It can walk.
It can run, too.
I can make it go.
I can make it stop.
You may play with it."
The boys and girls played.
They played and played.
They played with all the toys.

Jack's Story

"Here is a story," said Jack.
"It is a good story.
See the monkey in it.
He played with all the toys.
May we read it, Miss Hall?"
"You may read the story, Jack.
Read it to us," said Miss Hall.

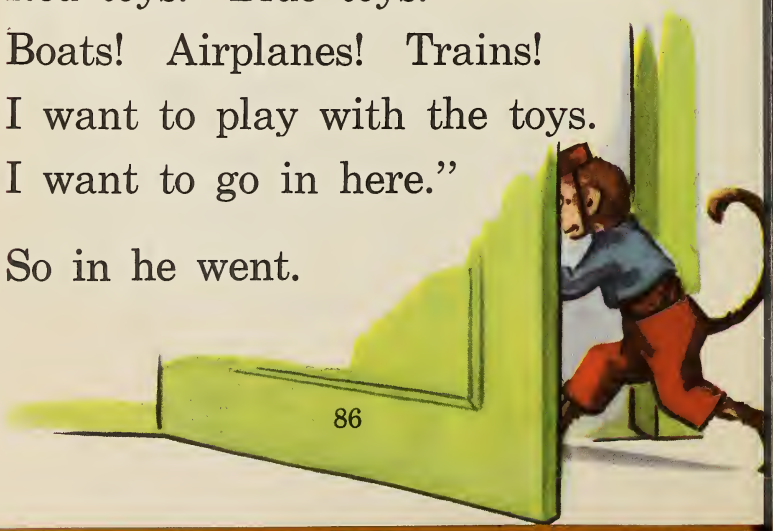
This is Jack's story.



The Monkey and the Toys

A little monkey went for a walk.
He said, "What do I see?
They look like toys.
Oh! Oh! They are toys.
See all the toys!
Red toys! Blue toys!
Boats! Airplanes! Trains!
I want to play with the toys.
I want to go in here."

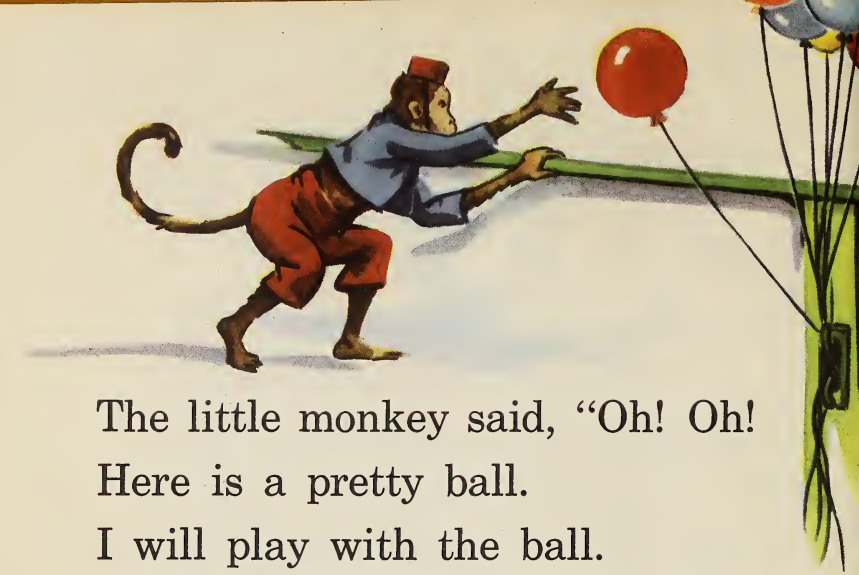
So in he went.



The little monkey looked around.
He looked at all the toys.
He saw a train.
He said, "Here is a train.
I will play with the train."
He made the train go.
He made it run and run.
What fun the little monkey had!
What fun he had with the train!

The little monkey saw a pony.
He said, "Here is a pony.
I will have a ride.
I will have a ride on the pony."
He made the pony go.
He had a good ride on the pony.
What fun the little monkey had!
What fun he had with the pony!

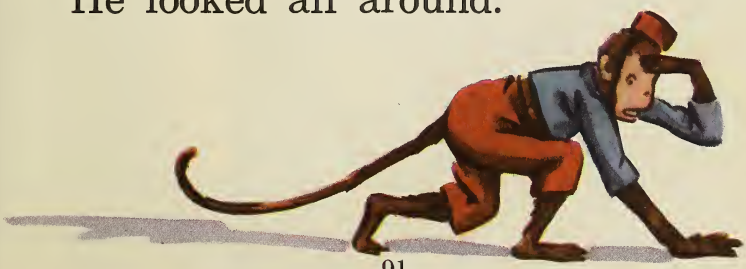
The little monkey saw a duck
He said, "Here is a toy duck.
I will play with the duck."
He made the duck walk.
He made the duck talk.
"Quack, quack," it said.
He played and played.
What fun the little monkey had!



The little monkey said, "Oh! Oh!
Here is a pretty ball.
I will play with the ball.
I will make it go up and down.
Up and down! Up and down!"
But it was not a ball.
It was a balloon.

See what the monkey did!

The little monkey ran.
He wanted to go out.
He said, "I want to go out!
I want to go home!
Where did I come in?
I want to go out!
I want to go home!"
He looked up and he looked down.
He looked in and he looked out.
He looked all around.



He ran up and he ran down.
He said, "Help me! Help me!
I want to go out!
I want to go home!"
He looked in and he looked out.
He said, "Help! Help!
Please help me out!
I want to go home!"

"Oh! Oh! Oh!" said the monkey.
"I can not go out!
I can not go out!"

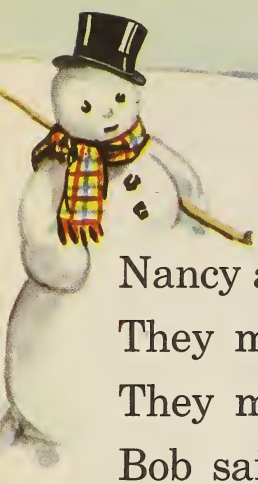
But he did.

"I like Jack's story," said Tom.
"I like it, too," said Miss Hall.
Nancy said, "It is a good story.
I wanted the monkey to go home.
And he did."

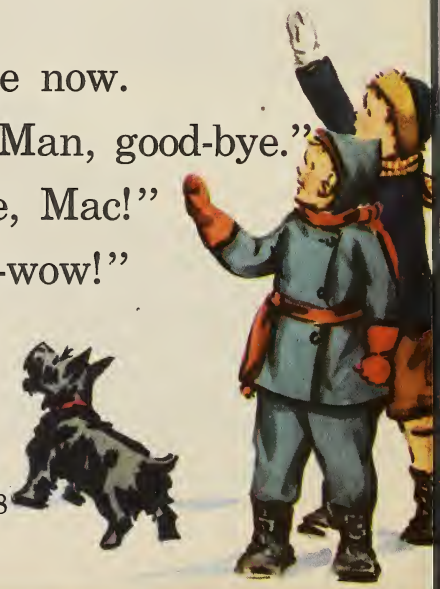
Snow

Bob said, "Oh! Look!
Look at the snow, Miss Hall!
See it come down!
We can have fun after school.
We can play in the snow.
We like to run in the snow.
We like to walk in the snow.
We can have fun in the snow.
Is it time to go home?
May we go home now, Miss Hall?"

Fun in the Snow



Nancy and Bob made a snow man.
They made a big snow man.
They made him look funny.
Bob said, "He looks cold.
Our snow man looks cold."
Nancy said, "He is cold.
I am cold, too.
I am going home now.
Good-bye, Snow Man, good-bye."
Bob said, "Come, Mac!"
Mac said, "Bow-wow!"



The Snow Man's House

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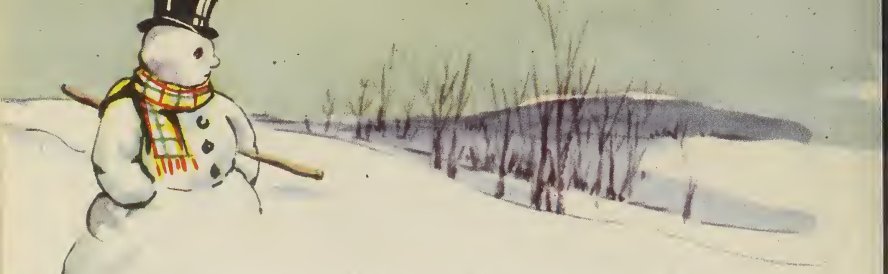
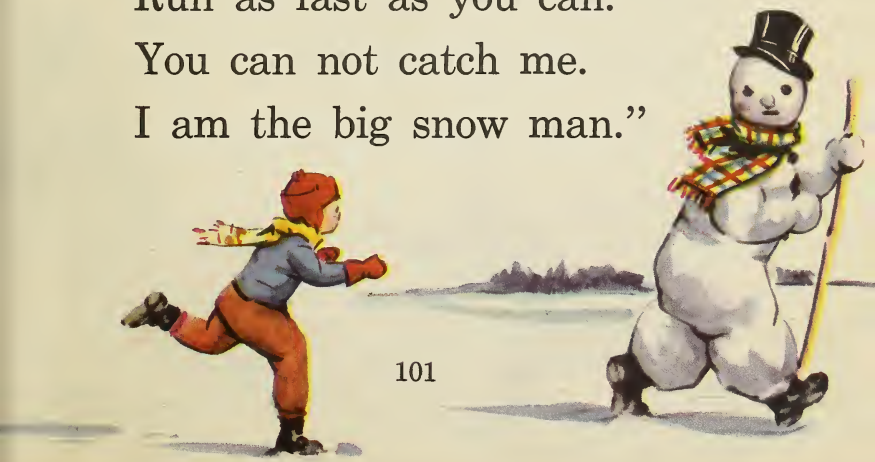


The Snow Man Wants a House

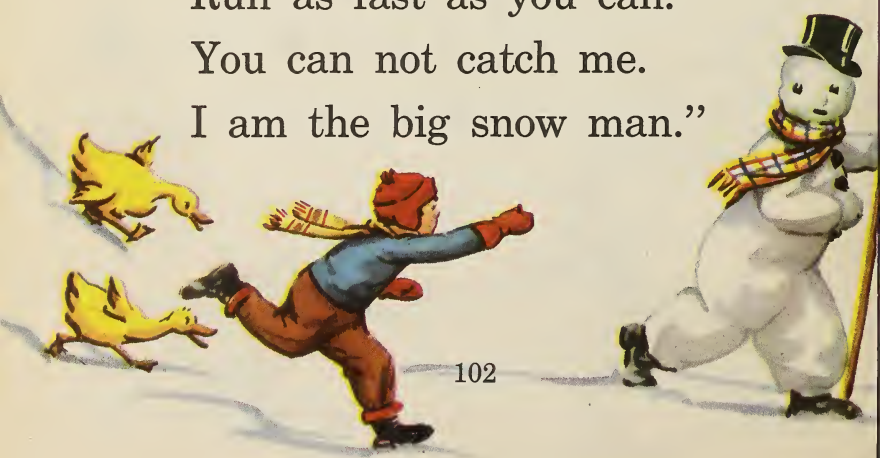
There was a snow man.
He was cold.
He said, "I am cold.
I want a house.
I want a house to live in.
The girls and boys made me.
They did not make my house.
I will go away.
I will find a house."

So away he went.

A little boy saw the snow man.
He said, "Stop, Snow Man!
Come and play with me."
But the snow man did not stop.
The little boy ran after him.
The snow man looked around.
He said, "Run, run!
Run as fast as you can.
You can not catch me.
I am the big snow man."



Two ducks saw the snow man.
They said, "Stop, Snow Man!
Come and play with us."
But the snow man did not stop.
The two ducks ran after him.
The snow man looked around.
He said, "Run, run!
Run as fast as you can.
You can not catch me.
I am the big snow man."



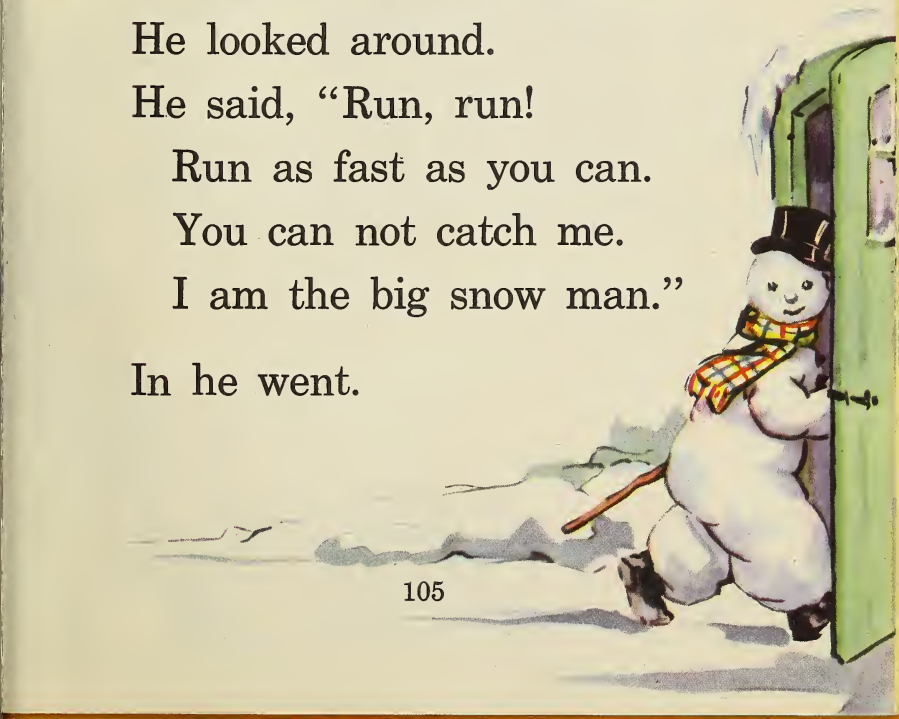
Three pigs saw the snow man.
They said, "Stop, Snow Man!
Come and play with us."
But the snow man did not stop.
The little pigs ran after him.
The snow man looked around.
He said, "Run, run!
Run as fast as you can.
You can not catch me.
I am the big snow man."

The little boy ran after him.
The two ducks ran after him.
The three pigs ran after him.
They said, "Stop, Snow Man!"
The snow man looked around.
He said, "Run, run!
Run as fast as you can.
You can not catch me.
I am the big snow man."

The Snow Man Finds a House

The snow man saw a house.
He said, "There is a house.
I am going to live there.
I shall not be cold in there."
He looked around.
He said, "Run, run!
Run as fast as you can.
You can not catch me.
I am the big snow man."

In he went.



The little boy saw the house.
He said, "I saw the snow man.
I saw him go in there.
I will go in, too.
Now I shall catch the snow man.
I want him to play with me."

In the little boy went.

The ducks saw the house.
The pigs saw the house.
They saw the snow man.
They said, "We saw him.
We saw him go in there.
We will go in, too.
We shall catch the snow man."

And in they went.

The little boy looked around.
He wanted to find the snow man.
He said, "Where is he?
Where did he go?
I saw him come in here.
I want to catch him.
I want him to play with me."

The two ducks looked around.
The three pigs looked around.
They wanted the snow man.
They said, "Where is he?
We saw him come in here."
They looked and they looked.
What did they see?

Hallowe'en

and

Christmas

Hallowe'en Fun

"Oh, see what Father has!
See what he has!" said Nancy.
"Pumpkins! Pumpkins!
Pumpkins for Hallowe'en!"
"What fun!" said Bob.
"Pumpkins for jack-o'-lanterns!
One is for Baby Anne!
One is for Nancy!
One is for me!
Happy Hallowe'en!"

Nancy has a big pumpkin.
Bob has a big pumpkin.
They may have jack-o'-lanterns.
Baby Anne has a little pumpkin.
She may have a jack-o'-lantern.
She may have a little one.
Two big jack-o'-lanterns!
One little jack-o'-lantern!
Three funny jack-o'-lanterns!

Bob said, "Look, Nancy, look!
See this jack-o'-lantern!"
Nancy said, "Look, Bob, look!
See Baby Anne's jack-o'-lantern!"
Bob said, "I will hide Muff.
She will look funny in here."

"Here comes Mac," said Bob.
"He sees the jack-o'-lantern.
The jack-o'-lantern looks funny.
Mac looks funny, too."

Mac said, "Bow-wow, bow-wow!"
What will Mac do?

Happy Christmas

FOR
SANTA

THANK YOU
BOB AND
NANCY

Pretty Christmas Toys

"Oh! Oh!" said Bob.
"Look, Nancy! Look, Baby Anne!
See what I have.
I wanted a red train.
Now I have one."

Nancy said, "Look at my doll.
Look, Bob! Look, Baby Anne!
My doll can walk."
Baby Anne said, "See my doll!
See my pretty doll!
I have a doll's table.
I have a doll's bed too."

What a happy Christmas!

WORD LIST

The following list contains the 107 words introduced in this Primer, Level One. The 52 words presented in the Pre-Primer, Level One, have been repeated within the first 42 pages of this Primer. The 23 starred words were presented in Pre-Primers, Level Two and Level Three.

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